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STATE OF NEW JERSEY *Glenn L. Row*  
**BOARD OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY**  
**EXAMINERS**

STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY  
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS  
PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR EXAMINERS  
COMMITTEE OF THE STATE BOARD OF  
MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF

Administrative Action

**LINDA M. LIS, LPC**  
**License No. 37PC00004800**

ENGAGING IN THE UNLICENSED  
PRACTICE OF PROFESSIONAL  
COUNSELING IN THE STATE  
OF NEW JERSEY

**CONSENT ORDER**  
**GRANTING REINSTATEMENT OF**  
**LICENSURE**

This matter was opened before the Professional Counselor Examiners Committee (hereinafter "the Committee") of the New Jersey State Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners (hereinafter "the Board") upon review of Ms. Lis' June 25, 2008 application for reinstatement of her license to practice professional counseling. It appears that her license expired on November 30, 2006 and that she failed to apply to renew her license for the 2006-2008 biennial renewal period until June 2008. The respondent requested

reinstatement of her license, stating that she had accumulated the required number of continuing education credits during this unlicensed period; however, she was unable to document completion of five (5) contact hours in ethical and legal standards in the counseling profession.

Respondent admits that during the period after her license expired and before she applied for reinstatement, she continued to engage in the practice of professional counseling in a private for-profit setting, on a part-time basis at 691 Cedar Lane, Teaneck, New Jersey, notwithstanding that she did not possess a valid license in New Jersey, in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:8B-39(a). Moreover, N.J.S.A. 45:1-7.1 provides, among other things, that any professional license not renewed within thirty (30) days of its expiration date shall be suspended, and any individual who continues to practice after that date shall be deemed to be engaged in unlicensed practice.

It appearing that the respondent desires to resolve this matter without further proceedings, and the Committee finding this Consent Order to be adequately protective of the public interest, and other good cause appearing;

IT IS THEREFORE ON THIS 4<sup>th</sup> DAY OF December, 2008

**ORDERED:**

1. Respondent's license to practice professional counseling is hereby reinstated, effective immediately.

2. Respondent is reprimanded for engaging in the unlicensed practice of professional counseling, in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:8B-9(a).

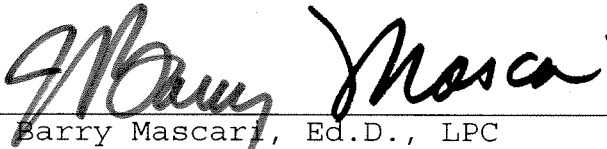
3. Respondent shall pay a civil penalty in the amount of two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) for practicing professional counseling without a license. Payment shall be made by certified check or money order, payable to the "State of New Jersey" and sent to Elaine DeMars, Executive Director, Professional Counselor Examiners Committee, P.O. Box 45044, Newark, New Jersey 07101. The civil penalty shall be paid simultaneously with the signing of the within order.

4. Respondent shall complete five (5) hours of continuing education in ethical and legal standards in the counseling profession within three (3) months of the filing of the within Consent Order to be counted for the 2006-2008 biennial renewal period. Documentation of completion of the five (5) hours of continuing education in ethical and legal standards in the counseling profession shall be submitted to the Committee on or before February 15, 2008.

5. Failure to remit payment as required by the Order will result in the filing of a Certificate of Debt and such other proceedings as are permitted by law. Failure to comply with any

provision of this Order may result in subsequent disciplinary proceedings for failure to comply with an Order of the Committee.

PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR EXAMINERS  
COMMITTEE OF THE NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD  
OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY  
EXAMINERS

  
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J. Barry Mascari, Ed.D., LPC  
President

I have read the above Order  
and I understand and agree to  
abide by its terms. Consent is  
hereby given to the Professional  
Counselor Examiners Committee of the  
State Board of Marriage and Family  
Therapy Examiners to enter this  
Order.

  
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Linda M. Lis, LPC